

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were presented for examination and all claims were rejected. Claims 1-29 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 12 and 24 are independent. Applicants submit that pending claims 1-29 are patentable and in condition for allowance.

The following comments address all stated grounds of rejection. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections and urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance in view of the remarks set forth below.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102**I. Claims 1-29 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-29 are rejected as anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 6,675,193 to Slavin et al. (“Slavin”) under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 2-11 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 1. Claims 13-23 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 12. Claims 25-29 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 24. Applicants traverse this rejection and submit that Slavin fails to disclose each and every element recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 24.

A. Independent Claim 1 Not Anticipated By Slavin

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Independent claim 1 is directed towards a method for administering a computer network. Independent claim 1 recites providing an enrollment administration system for specifying enrollment rules and an enrollment

system configured to communicate with the enrollment administration system to permit enrolling a first networked resource if permitted by specified enrollment rules. This claim further recites providing a remote access system for granting a user remote access to the first networked resource if the user successfully enrolled the first networked resource. Slavin fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention.

Slavin fails to disclose specifying enrollment rules and permitting enrolling a first networked resource if permitted by the specified enrollment rules. Rather, Slavin is directed towards controlling a remote device via an HTTP tunneling protocol. In the Office Action, the Examiner cites a section of Slavin describing an HTTP tunneling protocol and providing a username and password to establish an HTTP connection (see col. 8, lines 16-30 and 54-59, Slavin). This section merely describes a mechanism for establishing an HTTP tunneling protocol session for a set of data points and authenticating a user for the session. Slavin does not describe enrollment rules or permitting the enrollment of a network resource based on enrollment rules. Instead of permitting the enrollment of a first networked resource if permitted by a specified enrollment rule, Slavin permits a user to establish an HTTP session to data based on a username and password. Thus, Slavin fails to disclose specifying enrollment rules and permitting enrolling a first networked resource if permitted by the specified enrollment rules.

For at least the above-discussed reasons, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claim 1. Thus, Applicants submit independent claim 1 is patentable and in condition for allowance. Claims 2-11 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 1. Thus, Slavin fails to detract from the patentability of dependent claims 2-11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

B. Independent Claims 12 Not Anticipated By Slavin

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Independent claim 1 is directed towards a computer system comprising an enrollment administration system for specifying enrollment rules and a first networked resource configured to communicate with the enrollment administration system. This claim also recites a remote device configured to communicate with the first networked resource via a communications channel, an enrollment system for enrolling the first networked resource if permitted by the specified enrollment rules, and a remote access system for granting a user of the remote device remote access to the first networked resource if the first networked resource was successfully enrolled. Slavin fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention.

Slavin fails to disclose an enrollment system for enrolling a first networked resource if permitted by a specified enrollment rule, and a remote access system for granting a user of the remote device remote access to the first networked resource if the first networked resource was successfully enrolled. Rather, Slavin is directed towards obtaining by a first device data from a database of a second device via an HTTP tunneling protocol. Slavin does not describe an enrollment system for enrolling a network resource if permitted by a specified enrollment rule. Slavin also does not describe granting a user access to the network resource if the network resource was successfully enrolled. Instead, Slavin merely describes a system for authenticating a user via a username and password to access data via an HTTP connection. Thus, Slavin fails to disclose an enrollment system for enrolling a first networked resource if permitted by specified

enrollment rules, and a remote access system for granting a user of the remote device remote access to the first networked resource if the first networked resource was successfully enrolled.

For at least the above-discussed reasons, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claim 12. Thus, Applicants submit independent claim 12 is patentable and in condition for allowance. Claims 13-23 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 12. Thus, Slavin fails to detract from the patentability of dependent claims 13-23. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 12-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

C. Independent Claims 24 Not Anticipated By Slavin

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Independent claim 24 is directed towards a method of network administration and recites specifying an enrollment rule and enrolling a first networked resource if permitted by the specified enrollment rule. This claim also recites granting a user remote access to the first networked resource from a remote device if the user had previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource and denying a user access to the first networked resource from the remote device if the user had not previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource. Slavin fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention.

Slavin does not disclose granting a user remote access to the first networked resource from a remote device if the user had previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource and denying a user access to the first networked resource from the remote device if the user had not previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource. Rather, Slavin is

directed towards providing remote access to data merely based on user authentication via a username and password. Slavin does not describe any enrollment of a network resource by a user before accessing the resource. Slavin also does not describe granting a user access to a network resource based on whether the enrollment of the network resource was successful or not. Slavin determines access by authentication and not enrollment. Thus, Slavin fails to disclose granting a user remote access to the first networked resource from a remote device if the user had previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource and denying a user access to the first networked resource from the remote device if the user had not previously successfully enrolled the first networked resource.

For at least the above-discussed reasons, Slavin fails to disclose each and every feature of independent claim 24. Thus, Applicants submit claim 24 is patentable and in condition for allowance. Claims 25-29 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of independent claim 24. Thus, Slavin fails to detract from the patentability of dependent claims 25-29. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

CONCLUSION

In light of the aforementioned arguments, Applicants contend that each of the Examiner's rejections has been adequately addressed and all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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